

North Georgetown, Ohio. July 24th, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—I was to Sunday school last Sunday, our Superintendent was not there; We missed him very much. It is the first time he has missed. His name is Marion Heastand and his wife teaches my class and we think she is a good teacher. I have not missed a Sunday yet this summer. I will answer Edna Beal's question, Christ was thirty years old when he commenced to preach. I will ask a question. How old was Herod when he died?

Yours Truly,
MAUD WHITELEATHER.

Limestone Hill, W. Va., July 12th, 1894.

DEAR EDITOR:—I go to Sunday school every Sunday when I can. I went to the Methodist Sunday school and repeated the Lord's prayer and they gave me a Testament. I will answer Edith Lichty's question. Methuselah was the oldest man. I will also answer Ethel Murray's question. Noah was 950 years old when he died. I will ask a question, how many words in the Bible? I will close for this time.

VIOLA M. BOORDS.

TO THE CHILDREN.

What kind of company do you like? I suppose you will all say "Good company." What is good company? Some time ago, our little Clarence and I were away on a visit, and spent a very pleasant 4th of July, with what we call good company. I didn't hear a bad word that day, neither did I see any person quarrel or scold. Heard several prayers offered for the welfare of souls. Witnessed a baptismal scene, and captured a baby's will by singing away its troubles. Our company for the day were those who love Jesus, and work for him, but we got in very different company before we got home; not because we wished to, but because the preacher didn't start in time to meet the train we wished to go on; consequently we came home on a freight train, and had to ride in a Caboose, with those who smoke, swear, chew and spit; it being night we dare do nothing but sit and think. I tried to study the characters of some, and wondered, why are they so reckless and profane; they did not look happy, neither were we happy in their company. With great anxiety we listened for the Conductor to cry out, *Crete*. About midnight we reached our destination, and we were once more at home. Jesus said he would divide the good from the bad, as the Shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats. Where will we spend our eternity? What kind of company do we choose?

Mrs. D. B. ZOOK.

Crete, Neb.

You cannot repent to soon of your wrong because you do not know how soon it will be too late.

What has the saloons ever done for humanity? How many souls have they saved? How many people have they clothed?—none but the saloon-keepers family.

TO THE KING'S CHILDREN.

BY LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—I suppose you are all very busy just now in preparing to make the Conference at Ashland a grand success. And I know you will for *God is with you*. Although you cannot expect a multitude there at Ashland, yet, if you have been praying and striving I know that you will be just as happy and be blessed just as abundantly as the hosts of Christ are at Cleveland.

Although I have not been taking very active part in our church organization of Young People, yet I have not been inactive. I have been making an humble effort to promote the same cause under a different name, (Christian Endeavor) and at times it seems as if I have done nothing, yet I can say I have tried to do my duty. It may be that seed has been planted, which has not appeared as yet, at least I hope so.

The time is drawing near, dear friends, when you will assemble to lay out more definite plans for another year's work. Are you aware of the fact that your work there is nearly as important as that of the main convention? Are you aware that your acts there may be a great step backward or forward for the Brethren church? Are you aware of the fact that the time is drawing near when the care of our church will fall upon you, and that you can to-day make the coming responsibilities a light, or a heavy burden?

The Brethren Church is yet in its infancy, and there is no reason why, trusting fully in God, we shall not rise—a shining light in Christendom. "There is always room at the top." We have a foundation, the BIBLE, for erecting a great temple for the salvation of the world, and you, dear young brother and sister, are, and are to be the builders. Our creed is the New Testament, and Christ placed there every stone necessary for the building of his church. I believe ours of all the churches is the only one built upon this foundation alone. Others have added to, or taken from. Nearly all have made their structure a little larger, have over run the foundation laid by Christ, and consequently must lay beneath it a foundation laid by themselves. The coming religion must be a *Christ* religion, and not a "creed" religion. We want Christ's religion. We don't want the Protestant or Catholic religion. We want the religion of Jesus Christ," comes the cry from Japan, which is echoed by the world. The coming day demands just such a church as the Brethren church is, or *should* be, and *can* be. Other churches which have been, and are doing so much for Christ, may become more perfect and follow in our lead. There is not a single church of God that will denounce our creed, why? Because it is the Bible. But let us depart one step from this and we will receive the criticism which we deserve.

Now, dear friends, be careful. We are needing to be more careful. Things are done, and perhaps will be done which should not be, at the Conventions. Pray then for the guidance of the Holy Spirit before you go to Ashland, and do nothing hasty.

"Look before you leap." There is so much that ought to be done, and more that ought not to be done. One thing I will mention here. Think of it before you go, and if it is worthy of consideration, be prepared to discuss it. Cannot we arrange some way by which we can spread more widely our faith and belief? There are different ways it can be done. And as it is the true religion of Jesus, it will not be long in taking root. And then there is the missionary work. Surely, the King's Children can support at least one missionary in foreign fields where they are hungering for the true bread, and God, I believe, will so graciously bless such an attempt that it will spread of itself as water that is above land will overflow it. It is a fact that Christianity takes deeper hold in heathen countries and more quickly than here. Then let us carry the Gospel over, also, and perhaps the day may dawn when we may look across the waters for strength.

What? We can't? I say, *we can*. Besides all our work here, *we can*. Of course not at present, but by another year, we can have the funds so that there will be nothing in the way of sending at once. Let us, like the victorious general, say, "I'll try." I have plans that I would be glad to suggest. If the Epworth League of Kansas, can pledge themselves to raise \$25,000 in one year for a denominational school, alone, besides all the other noble work they are doing, cannot we, an entire church of Young People raise a small fraction of that amount for missions? Cannot we raise at least a few hundred dollars? Let us try, and *if* we fail, the money will not be lost.

I am sorry, doubly sorry, that I cannot be with you at Ashland. But such is fate. I have often longed for the privilege of meeting with you all sometime, a privilege I have never had. But I must look forward and hope to meet you all yet in the future. If not in this world, I will meet you beyond. I have never been over fifty miles beyond the borders of Kansas since I was four years old, though I have been all over our Sunflower state. I have never been across the "Father of Waters," so you see I am a perfect stranger to most of you and your homes, although I am well acquainted with you through our paper. Still you will have all my prayers, and all the aid I can give you at the convention, from a distance. You will have the prayers of the few true disciples we have here in our church, and God grant His blessing upon you, and give you success.

Morrill, Kans., July 25th, 1894.

In manners tranquility is the supreme power.

No man can give in a way that pleases God without becoming rich.

God is not in the religion that is not using both hands to lift up men.

Fortune never changes men. It only brings out what is already in them.

The most common error among men is to look for happiness outside of useful work. It has never been found when thus sought and never will.